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Mr. Tom Lau, Managing Director
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Dear Mr. Lau,

It is clear that the heavy January 2011 rains in the Waimanalo Gulch Landfill have imposed major impacts upon our District 1 neighboring communities and coastal shores spanning from Kalaeloa to Kaena Point. As a result, it is imperative that I be able to communicate effectively with my constituents about issues of this high priority. I have requested any reports or summaries regarding all subsequent measures taken by the Department of Health (DOH) in the guise of water quality and ground based testing in the area since the incident date and subsequent dates. I extend this request to your office as well. Would you provide any information you may have in regards to the Waimanalo Landfill and the subsequent overflow into the ocean?

Recently, multiple fishermen have complained (at the Waianae and Nanakuli Neighborhood Boards) that anchors are pulling up a "muck-like" substance, like never before, during a recent fishing trips off-shore of the Waimanalo landfill site. I would want to know if your Division is responsible for offshore testing and observations to ensure water quality. If not, would you know who does have jurisdiction over the coastal waters surrounding the island and/or one that has the capabilities to conduct sedimentation tests on the ocean floor in the same waters off the Waimanalo Gulch site?

Your kokua would be greatly appreciated.

Aloha,

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